

OPPENHEIMER

OPPENHEIMER WOLFF & DONNELLY LLP

Plaza VII, Suite 3300
 45 South Seventh Street
 Minneapolis, MN 55402-1609

612.607.7000
 Fax 612.607.7100

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 20 2005**FAX COVER LETTER****September 20, 2005**

TO: Examiner Michael Cuff
COMPANY: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office – Art Unit 3627
PHONE: 571.272.6778
FAX: 571.273.8300

FROM: Rudolph P. Hofmann
DIRECT DIAL: (612) 607-7340
EMAIL: RHofmann@oppenheimer.com
RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/470,041
 Attorney Docket No.: 60021-339701

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that an Amendment and Response to Office Action is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date listed below.

Janet Byrne
Janet Byrne

9-20-05

Date

This facsimile contains confidential information intended only for the use of the addressee(s) named above and may contain information that is legally privileged. If you are not the addressee, or the person responsible for delivering it to the addressee, you are hereby notified that reading, disseminating, distributing or copying this facsimile is strictly prohibited. If you have received this facsimile by mistake, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original message to us at the address above via the Postal Service (we will reimburse postage). Thank you.

Originals: Not being sent

Completed by: Janet Byrne/7401

You should receive 10 page(s) excluding this page.
 If the transmission is incomplete, please call 612.607.7276 as soon as possible.

Serial No. 09/470,041
In reply to: Office Action mailed June 21, 2005
Page 1 of 10

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 20 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial #: 09/470,041
Applicant: William Ng
Filed: December 22, 1999
Title: INITIATION OF BIDDING IN A VIRTUAL TRADE FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT
Group Art: 3627
Examiner: Michael A. Cuff

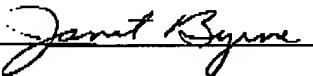
Docket #: 60021-339701 (AND1P397)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, via facsimile number 571.273.8300 on September 20, 2005.

Janet Byme



AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005. Please amend the above-identified as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.